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Dear Al:

Your letter of 8 April asks for my views con-
cerning two suggestions for increasing CIA partici-
pation in the Community On-Line Intelligence System
(COINS).

One of the suggestions is to assign two full-
time CIA representatives to the COINS Project Man-
agement Office, one for NPIC and the other for the
CIA Headquarters elements. The Agency's review of
this matter shows that the present arrangements and
points of contact are adequate to meet the needs of
CIA analysts in both locations at this time. This
situation may change when the upgrading of COINS is
more advanced and begins to have more impact on CIA
activities. (At such time as CIA analysts make greater
use of the COINS data base or a substantial increase
in such use is anticipated we will be pleased to
reconsider this question.)

The other suggestion is that we consider the
possibility of using a computer at CIA for providing
real-time access to CIA Headquarters files. The
effort involved in providing better community access
to CIA files must be justified and shaped by a
thoroughly developed concept of what files CIA can
contribute to COINS in the future and the additional
benefits and costs involved in real-time access to
CIA-sponsored COINS files. Although CIA is not yet
in a position to make a decision on this matter, I
can assure you that we are considering this suggestion.

(1) At such time as ~~our~~ *CIA* analysts make greater use of the COINS data base or ~~we~~ ~~anticipate~~ a substantial increase in such use *is anticipated* we will be pleased to reconsider this question.

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Your letter of 8 April asks for my views con-
cerning two suggestions for increasing CIA partici-
pation in the Community On-Line Intelligence System
(COINS).

One of the suggestions is to assign two full-
time CIA representatives to the COINS Project Man-
agement Office, one for NPIC and the other for the
CIA Headquarters elements. Our review of this
matter shows that the present arrangements and
points of contact are clearly adequate to meet
the needs of our analysts in both locations at
this time. This situation may change when the
upgrading of COINS is more advanced and begins
to have more impact on our activities. Until
our analysts at Headquarters and at NPIC make
greater use of the COINS data base or we antici-
pate a substantial increase in such use, I see
no need for assigning full-time CIA representa-
tives to the COINS Project Management Office.

The other suggestion is that we consider the
possibility of using a computer at CIA for providing
real-time access to CIA Headquarters files. Al-
though we are not yet in a position to make a
decision on this matter, I can assure you that
we are considering this suggestion. Obviously,
the effort involved in providing better community
access to CIA files must be justified and shaped
by a thoroughly developed concept of what files
CIA can contribute to COINS in the future and the
additional benefits and costs involved in real-
time access to CIA-sponsored COINS files.

Proposed DDI reply

We have begun to take steps to get the infor-
mation we need to make decisions about new COINS
hardware at CIA. The CIA Subsystem Manager for
COINS is conducting a survey of Agency components
that will provide information not only about the
present utility of COINS to CIA production analysts
but also about any Agency plans for data bases
that might usefully be made available to community
analysts via COINS. The upcoming COINS workshops
to be run by the [   ] should also
provide new insight into how CIA participation in
COINS can be made more effective.

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Sincerely,

W. E. Colby
Director

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Re: <u>Status Rpt on COINS</u>

30 Apr 75

Note to Files

NCF telecon with [   ]to ask   STATINTL
status of Hall to Colby COINS ltr.

Paul says he will coordinate with us be-
fore anything is finalized. He is quite a
ways away from that stage however. He is
taking following actions:

- He is querying substantive analyst
offices re their projected interests in
a future COINS.

- He is dialoging with[   ]   STATINTL
OJCS on possible technical implications
of a change in hardware support.

- Besides the Hall-Colby ltr, he has   STATINTL
a ltr to himself from [   ] on a related
problem (NCF needs to find this and add it
to this file.)

- He wrote a general review of CIA and
COINS, Jan-Mar 75. (We need to find that
and add to this file.

I suggested that time may be right to
think about a dedicated community computer,
handling COINS plus other community-oriented
things. The possibilities include, -
CIRIS, any automation of KIQs-KEP, automated
support for IC Staff (e.g., [   ] IHC   25X1
Inventory, CAMS, etc. etc. (I didn't name
all these to[   ] but some may be
possibilities.)   (over)

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I also suggested to [   ] that
he consult with Bob Hooper, Project SAFE,
to see if the latter saw any implications
related to SAFE.

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I also suggested Paul use [   ]
in Iams office as a means of keeping Iams
informed and getting Iams' feed-back, so that
Paul does not prepare a draft proposal that
turns out to be largely contrary to Iams views.

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I also suggested Paul talk with [   ]
[   ] to get an opinion from him. I said
that [   ] had long community experience

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I also suggested that Paul contact
[   ] in ORD and see whether any
ORD type of analytical methodologies development
work, or anything else, was enough community-
common so that that work might be a candidate
for being kept on a "community" host
computer.

All of the foregoing are brainstorming
ideas. Paul is likely to follow them all out
in his explorations because he is thorough and
conscientions.

He will keepin touch with us, and I
have no doubt that we will be in the pattern
at the time Paul has put together something
in draft for review.

[   ]

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17 April 1975

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SUBJECT: CIA Computers for COINS

TELECON with [   ]

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1. Paul tells me that he has the action for DDI on Hall's 8 April letter to Colby re COINS.

2. I said that Paul should keep in touch with either [   ] or [   ] and we would help him work out a possible draft response. I suggested he also consult [   ] since Chuck is not only the IHC member for CIA but he happens to be in the CIA Comptroller Office.

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3. If Hall's letter has a fiscal implication for CIA it should be considered in the FY 77 program planning exercise now underway.

4. Finally I suggested to Paul that we all work with a possible response to Hall and possibly try it on [   ] and the ASD(I) staff to get their reaction before we lock in Ed Proctor on an Agency position. The ball is in Paul's court.

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Original - COINS
1 - IHC READING

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Memo for [ ]

Ref Al Hall ltr to DCI re COINS.

I visited Ed Proctor today and he agreed to let us have a look at the DDI reply.

We will stay in touch with his office as appropriate to catch it as it goes.

Proctor did not know the status of the action within DDI, so we will do a bit more spooking to find out who has it, and try to work at that level before it goes to him.

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15 July 1975

Nate:

    I think these small changes in [   ]   STATINTL

letter take the sting out. If the letter goes

as origianlly written(or almost) I think it

becomes CIA matter and we should transfer it

back to them to answer and we coordinate. In

any case we should do something soon or lose it

Its three months old now.

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